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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT : Escort of Classified Material
REFERENCE : Office of Security Memorandum
dated 17 April 1962 (copy attached)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 3.
2. Reference memorandum details an incident in which an Office of Security courier was placed in the position of accessory to an act of smuggling certain items, concealed in a classified cargo, into the United States. This incident is most properly of serious concern to the Office of Security and to this Division. Such acts place the courier in an untenable position with regard to his function as escort for classified materials. Further, disclosure to the Bureau of Customs would severely jeopardize existing relations between Customs and the units which furnish support in clearing our shipments and, in effect, vouch for our honesty. It would not be in the best interests of the Agency to have every courier suspect, or every shipment inspected.
3. With your approval, I should like to have each courier briefed as follows:

"In the event there is evidence or knowledge that material shipped in custody of courier contains or includes contraband, the courier is authorized to refuse to accept custody of the contraband. The courier will be directed to restate to the senior official of the sending unit of Headquarters most serious concern regarding such matters and will indicate that he has been directed to make a complete report to Headquarters of any attempts made to circumvent U. S. Customs laws. Under no circumstances will he be a party to any actions violative of Federal Law."

Chief, Security Branch
DPD

CONCUR:

STANLEY W. BEERLI

Acting Chief, DPD

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